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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert J. Winchester, et al.

Serial No.: 09/773,876 Examiner: R. Schwadron

Filed: January 31, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1644

For : USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE ACTIVATION OF

CXCR4 RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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May 19, 2005

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the Final Office Action mailed November 19, 2004 finally rejecting pending claims 18 and 19 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. With a three-month extension of time, the subject application is pending on May 19, 2005. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed fee of \$250.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

that hereby certify correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to : Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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